

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON JUNE 4, 1958

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular session at the offices of the Authority, Room 350, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 1958. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

Present

Joseph W. Lund  
Very Rev. Msgr.  
Francis J. Lally  
James G. Colbert  
Melvin J. Massucco

Absent

Stephen E. McCloskey

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 1958 were read by the Secretary. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

On the recommendation of the Executive Director, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the proposal of Victor Gruen Associates in the amount of \$13,500 for the performance of the planning and engineering studies and the preparation of the necessary documentation, maps, exhibits and text in connection with the submittal to the Urban Renewal Administration of an application to revise the West End Redevelopment Plan; said approval to be contingent on the receipt of a letter from the URA Regional Office prior to June 16, 1958 making the finding that there is no conflict of interest in retaining Gruen Associates for the above-mentioned purpose and contingent upon receipt of a letter by June 11, 1958 from Victor Gruen Associates containing the following certification: (1) full disclosure of the present relationship of Victor Gruen Associates to Charles River Park, Inc., and (2) a statement that Victor Gruen Associates does not now have nor intend in the future to have any financial interest in Charles River Park, Inc.

The Executive Director recommended that the extermination of rodents in the West End Project Area during the demolition stages be included in the demolition contract and that because of the public health interest involved, an exterminating contractor acceptable to the Authority be selected and designated by the Authority and that the demolition specifications be prepared accordingly.

After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director solicit proposals from the following three firms, which have been investigated and recommended for their satisfactory performance: Sheehan Exterminating Company, H. D. Lockhart Company and Safety Fumigant Company.

The Executive Director read a letter, copies of which were distributed to the Members, dated June 3, 1958, from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, signed by Dexter B. Hill, Field Engineer, stationed in the Boston Federal Building. Mr. Hill's letter related to the proposed demolition specifications.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that paragraphs three and four of said letter, as follows:

"I recommend that the demolition contractor shall not be restricted to the use of hand labor in any particular phase of the demolition operation.

"Also, that the demolition and related work shall be bid and awarded as one contract for the whole area, rather than splitting it into four contracts. "

be included in the minutes of the meeting and that said letter be filed as Document No.34 in the Document Book of the Authority.

The Executive Director stated to the Authority that under existing regulations as contained in the URA Manual of Policies and Procedures, this letter from the Field Engineer constitutes authorization to print specifications and advertise for bidders, provided that the conditions contained in said letter are complied with. In the event the Authority disagrees with the recommendations contained in said letter, the Authority is then required to refer any areas of disagreement for review by the New York Regional Office. The Executive Director explained that in his experience with the agency, this would mean considerable delay, with the very

remote possibility that the Regional Office would overrule the recommendation of the Field Engineer.

This matter was tabled until the next meeting, for action when a full board is present.

The Members of the Authority discussed the meeting of June 3, 1958 in the Mayor's Office concerning the over-all renewal program. The possibilities of a project in Charlestown, Parker Hill, and possibly a separate project for the triangular section of the Parker Hill area were discussed. The Executive Director was instructed to make some preliminary studies and obtain information as to the condition and approximate project costs with respect to these three areas.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Martin M. Shindler (Emergency Electrical Work 5/1-5/14	\$416. 20
National Assoc. of Housing & Redevelopment Officials	225.00
Lincoln Sales Company	340. 00

The Executive Director stated that pending approval of the URA for additional staff for the West End Site Office, it was urgent that at least one assistant cashier be employed in order to operate the bookkeeping machine as well as assist in the collection of rents.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to employ an Assistant Cashier not to exceed \$3900 per year.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

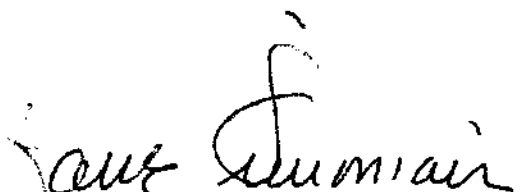
VOTED: that the regular weekly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th, be cancelled and that the regular weekly meeting be held on Monday, June 16th, at 10:00 a.m. instead.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Max Kargman of the First Realty Corporation, together with Maurice Lessee of the same firm, entered the meeting to discuss the proposed Government Center.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

  
Secretary